

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-5 have been cancelled and new claims 6-13 have been added.

In item 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner questions which claims are pending. It is believed that the foregoing amendment clarifies this matter. Claim 6 from parent Application Serial No. 10/207,818 has been omitted. Claims 7-14 have been renumbered as claims 6-13. Ordinarily, it is improper to renumber claims. However, 37 CFR § 1.177(b) states that the numbering of added claims in any multiple reissue application must follow the number of the highest numbered original patent claim. Further, 37 CFR § 1.173(g) indicates that all amendments must be made relative to the patent. It is therefore submitted to be proper to renumber the claims as above. Further, because claim 6 has been omitted, item 2 of the Office Action should be resolved.

The Examiner states that the changes made by Certificate of Correction were not incorporated into the reissue specification. A substitute specification is enclosed herewith, together with a Petition to waive the rules prohibiting substitute specifications. In the substitute specification, the changes made by Certificate of Correction are included. No new matter is added by the substitute specification.

In item 3, the Examiner questions the inventorship of the present application. The Examiner's understanding of the inventorship is correct. Two inventors were originally named in the parent application, but a correction was made to delete one of the inventors.

In item 5, original claim 6 is rejected for double patenting. As discussed above, the application does not currently contain a claim corresponding to claim 6 of reissue Application Serial No. 10/207,818. Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection should be withdrawn.

In item 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that all pending claims have been allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

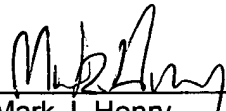
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